

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
Chairman
House Judiciary Committee
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable David Cicilline
Chairman
Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and
Administrative Law
2233 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Nadler and Representative Cicilline,

Today, the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law (the “Subcommittee”) is scheduled to hold the sixth hearing installment of the House Judiciary Committee’s (the “Committee”) once-bipartisan investigation into Big Tech. Unfortunately, neither of you have responded to the multiple calls by the Minority to elevate this important hearing to the full Committee level.

Recently, we have seen companies like Twitter and Google abuse their market power to effectively censor the voices of those they disagree with – namely conservatives.¹ It is vital that we restore the credibility of the Committee’s investigation into Big Tech’s anti-competitive and anti-free speech actions, and the only way to do that is to allow all Committee Members a seat at the table and an opportunity to question the CEOs responsible for these decisions. At the very least, those Members – like myself – who have been a part of this investigation from the start should be afforded the opportunity to continue participating on behalf of their constituents. Therefore, as one of four Committee members that launched the Committee’s investigation into Big Tech’s dominance and its role in market competition, I am formally requesting that the Subcommittee allow me to question the witnesses at today’s hearing.

I look forward to participating in today’s hearing.

Sincerely,



Doug Collins
Member of Congress

¹ See Tristan Justice, *Google Appears to Test Its Ability to Blacklist Conservative Media Ahead of Election*, The Federalist, July 21, 2020 at <https://thefederalist.com/2020/07/21/google-appears-to-test-its-ability-to-blacklist-conservative-media-ahead-of-election/>; Adriana Cohen, *Twitter CEO needs to testify on double standard against conservatives*, Fox News, July 24, 2020 at <https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/twitter-ceo-to-testify-adriana-cohen>.